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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER'S EXPLANATION FOR FAILURE TO
MENTION EAG IN COPENHAGEN SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE

AFTER CONVERSATIONS ON ENERGY MATTERS (REPORTED SEPTELS) THORN SAID THAT HE WANTED US TO KNOW WHY HE BELIEVED THE REFERENCE TO THE EAG WAS QUIETLY DROPPED FROM THE COPENHAGEN SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE. WHEN MENTION OF THE EAG WAS INCLUDED IN THE FIRST DRAFTS OF THE COMMUNIQUE, THE FRENCH AND BRITISH WORKED BEHIND THE SCENES TO HAVE THE REFERENCE DROPPED. JOBERT CONVENED HIS FOREIGN MINISTER COLLEAGUES AND TOLD THEM THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER SEVERAL DAYS PREVIOUSLY FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER GIVING SOME ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE PILGRIMS SPEECH. ACCORDING TO JOBERT, THE SECRETARY WROTE THAT THE PORTIONS IN THE SPEECH CRITICAL OF THE EC SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN TOO SERIOUSLY AND "WOULD NOT BE REPEATED". JOBERT ARGUED THAT ON THE BASIS OF THE SECRETARY'S LETTER IT WAS POSSIBLE TO CONCLUDE THAT THE US PROPOSAL WAS NOT A MAJOR OR FORMAL INITIATIVE, AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT BE OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE EC. AFTER HEARING JOBERT'S EXPLANATION AND RESENTING THAT JOBERT HAD BEEN PRIVATELY INFORMED IN ADVANCE ABOUT THE PILGRIMS SPEECH, THORN SAID THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS TACITLY AGREED TO "FORGET" TO MENTION THE EAG IN THE FINAL COPENHAGEN COMMUNIQUE. FARKAS
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